

I am writing to express concern about the proposal to give Low-Power FM ("LPFM") stations priority in frequency conflicts over existing FM translators currently in service. This could cause existing national radio networks, such as the K-Love network of stations, to be displaced.

In Hampton Roads, Virginia, we did not have a Christian radio station which served our needs from the late 1980s until 2001, when K-Love came to our area. K-Love is based in California and operates under a non-profit FCC license. K-Love provides announcements of events of interest to local Hampton Roads residents, and broadcasts contemporary Christian music and news, a service which no other stations have been able to provide for more than 10 years in this top-50 market. K-Love is supported by the contributions of its listeners, and this business model is functioning where the commercial radio model repeatedly failed. If K-Love were displaced, the community be returned to a radio dial without Christian music and, more importantly, without news of local events. Other stations on the dial are nationally-syndicated commercial networks with no local content.

K-Love is in the public interest for Hampton Roads Virginia because of its local content and its programming which is unique on the dial. K-Love's local financial support is testimony to its public interest.